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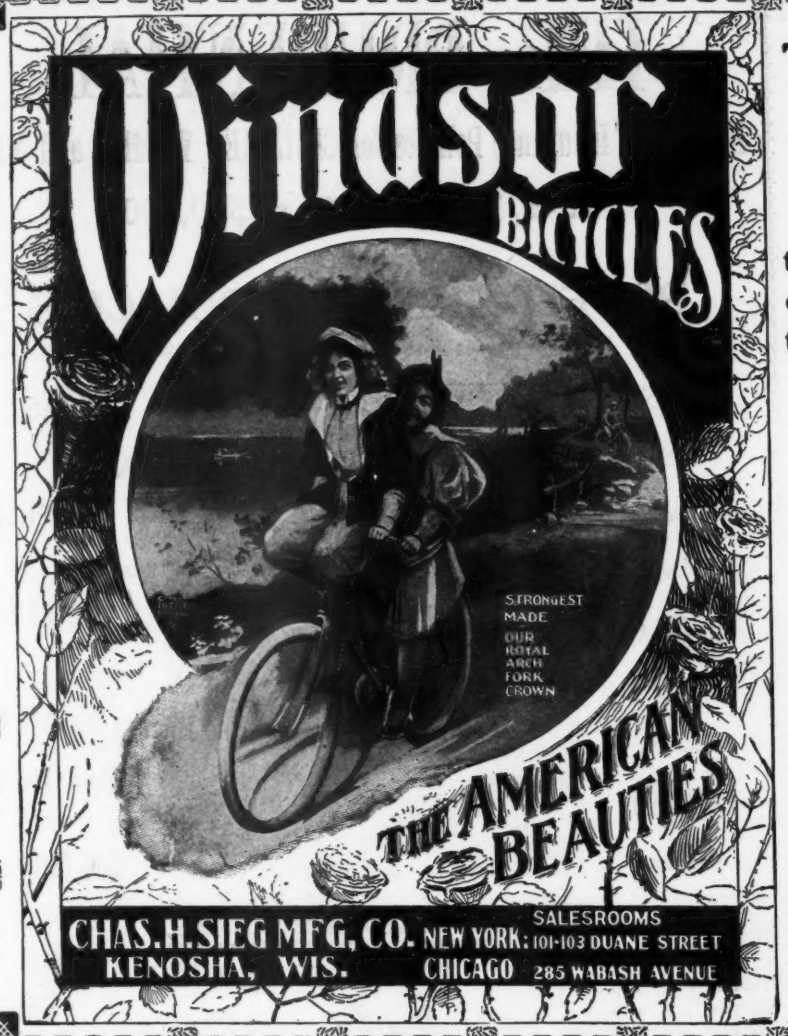

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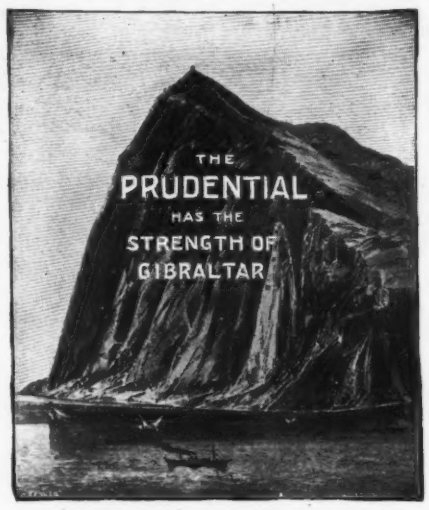

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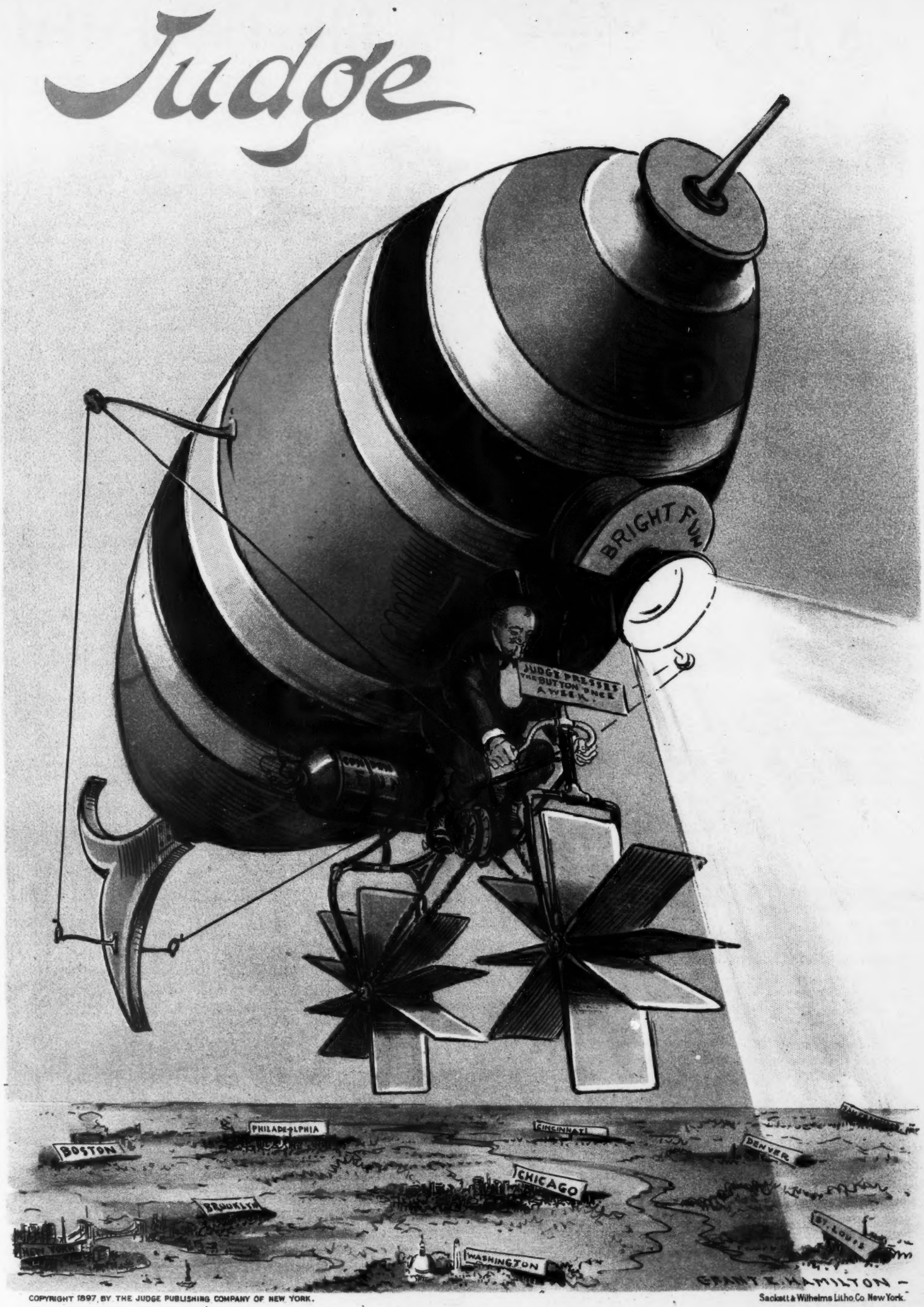

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MR. GLADSTONE was never more vigorous; so we take it that the story of his trying to learn the bicycle is untrue.

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A WOMAN has invented an improved shoe-lace fastener. It is a crying want. Too many of the old shoe-lace fasteners are married.

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THE BLACK BOY Bundy has fairly won his cadetship at Annapolis. We trust the academy will be compelled to take the Bun.

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WE THANK Dr. Abbott for his assurance that there is no hell; and now that the weather is getting warmer we really don't need any.

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WE SUSPECT that the air-ship so largely advertised is on a search for the various victories that are always occupying portions of its altitude.

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BIRDIE MORGAN, the first woman to enlist under the new Colorado law permitting women to join the national guard, is apparently one of the early Birdies.

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THE WOMEN of Denver, Colorado, surreptitiously made up a local ticket and elected it, to the profound astonishment of the machines. Wherefore cannot women keep a secret?

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THE "GREATER" CRAZE has got down to Smithville, and will presently begin on individuals. We shall soon hear of a greater Lexow, a greater Tillman, and a greater Tom Jones.

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UNDER an amended state law the privilege of shaving on Sunday belongs to Niagara Falls. What has that town done that it should have this excessive and most surprising liberty?

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THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE is scored by the London papers as a rich men's show. Well, poor fellows! the envy of the majority is such that they haven't had a fair show for several years.

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THE IOWA is a great battle-ship. She is several weeks old and the most of her is still above high-water mark. And she has the speed necessary in an emergency to get out of harm's way.

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THE PRESIDENT of this republic is elected to the Dolphin as well as to the white-house, and it is miserable littleness to grudge him the privilege of its use. We meant to have said this last year, but our space was limited.

VERY RISKY.

ETHEL—"Did you ever meet a man whom you thought you could look up to?"
PENELOPE—"Oh, yes; but when I tried it I took a header."

TIME AND THE WHEEL.

THE ARTISTS may very appropriately put Time on a bicycle. He has always carried a scythe, and that is merely a large sickle. Between that and the modern vehicle the reader's imagination will readily supply all deficiencies. And the need of improved facilities for travel in his case is urgent. The period is rapid and he has the infirmities of age. Oh, yes! Time and the fin-de-siècle bicycle must roll together.

THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN CHRISTIANS.

THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal church recently voted overwhelmingly against the admission of women to its councils as lay delegates. It is a repetition of a very old insult to both the dignity and the intelligence of the women of the church, and it is time that it led to revolution. Without women the church would go down; and if men are so stupid that they can't recognize this fact it ought to be pulled down about their ears.

THE PARTISAN PESSIMIST.

IN THE GOOD old days of the Clays and Websters and Bentons and Sumners the newspapers discussed the degeneracy of the senate exactly as they do now. There has never been a time since the government began to have a past when that kind of pessimistic self-denunciation has not been more or less popular. We have as able a congress now as ever; but there will always prevail the solemn opinion that whatever was was right and whatever is is wrong.

RETROACTION.

THE RETROACTIVE in law-making has not been sufficiently appreciated. We ought to go to work right away to provide by law that this country never had a civil war or any other calamity; and it might be well to provide for the payment at once of future damages by Spain to our navy in view of the contemplated trouble between that country and this. Time is a peculiar thing in its connections with law. Let us take Time by the forelock and the rear fetlock too.

MAY IDIOTS GO INSANE?

A MR. GOWER of North Carolina was a Democrat and became a populist last year. This year he brooded over the disgrace thus acquired, went insane, and then took his own life. It requires a good deal of gullibility to believe that a populist has the brains necessary to insanity; but the descent from Democracy to that depth of idiocy is not so great, and indeed the poor man was bright enough to regret it and to take the speediest means to its only proper and complete rectification.

A PEFFERSONIAN ANNIVERSARY.

THE ADOPTION of Thomas Jefferson by William J. Bryan is more kind than proper or legitimate. A dead man ought to have some rights, but the greater he was and the deader he is the more numerous are his relatives and friends. We now expect to see the memory of that poor man in the hands of the populists, the socialists, the communists, and the national organization of horse-doctors, all of them under the control of John Most and Mr. Bryan. Are there no laws against such body-snatching?

A SCARLET ADVENTURESS.

THE CHIMAY WOMAN has inadvertently elevated the stage. She wanted to pose on it, mostly in that condition which invites pneumonia, but the police prevented the exposure. It must not be said, however, that the latter were not at all arduous in behalf of decency. What they feared was a row, the friends of the woman's deserted husband having threatened her with live rabbits and old eggs. And perhaps, in view of her threatened appearance here, a few of those determined persons had better be imported.

MECHANICAL VERIFICATION.

THE COUNT—"Ah, I now see why you call zat man a scorchaire; eet ees because he rides ze hot pace."
ETHEL—"Yes, count; he turns on full steam."

CALLOUS.

HER stockinged foot struck on a tack.
She shrieked, but not in ire,
"Thank goodness it was but my foot;
Not my pneumatic tire!"

HER ONLY SALVATION.

Billy—"Sis quit her job in Gonny-broker's. All her teeth wuz decayin'."

Jimmy—"What's that gotter do with her job?"

Billy—"She tended th' candy counter."

PATSY MEANT WELL.

"NOW, boys," said the Sunday-school teacher, after reading the story of Naaman, "can you tell me what a leper is?'

"Yis, mom," promptly replied Patsy.

"Well, what is it?"

"Sure, an' it's a bull-frog."

"Why, what do you mean?"

"Don't a bull-frog jump, mom?"

"Certainly."

"Well, thin, ain't he a leper?"

AT LEAST, IT SEEMED SO.

"How many bicycle-riders do you suppose there are in the country?"
"I don't know, but I meet them all every time I cross the street."

A BROKEN CHORD.

THE viols shivered sweetly low,
As tenderly the lute
Imparted strains of joy and woe
That made our heart-strings mute.

But, oh! can fair Apollo's ire
Be evermore appeased?
Ere final chord could us inspire,
The fat maestro sneezed.

ANNIE M. TOOHEY.

NOT QUITE THROUGH.

Aunt Sarah (to nephew from the city)—"Is Uncle Cyrus through milking, Teddy?"

Teddy—"Not quite. He's finished two faucets and has just begun on the other two."

A LEGAL DILEMMA.

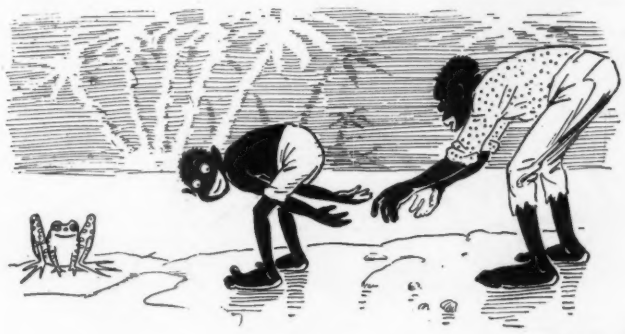
Judge—"Who owns the mule?"

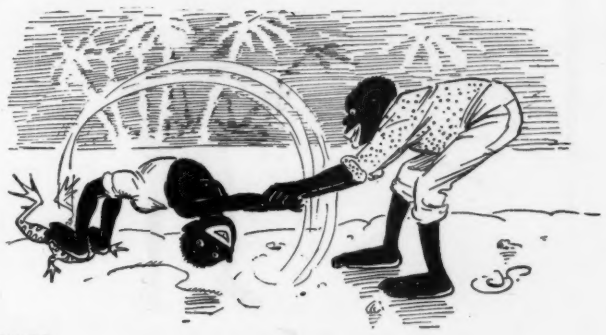
Casey—"I own wan half ov him an' Fogarty owns the ithur, yer haner."

Judge—"Then what's the trouble?"

Casey—"Fogarty won't let his half work."

Judge—"Court 's adjourned. I must look up the law."





AN ACROBATIC COUP.

'RASTUS—"Quick, pap! grab mah hands. Dat big frawg 'll jump ef I goes a step nearah.——

——(*Biff!*)—We'se got 'im!"

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ANNIE IRISH AS "MARIAN," IN "TESS OF THE D' URBERVILLES."

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By conscientious care and native merit.
Instead of an ephemeral fame
For beauty, you the artist's name
Preferred to win, and modestly to wear it.

TO MAY.

YOU are tired, my dear, you are tired—
And so am I, darling, all-fired—
Of hearing your eyes
Are as blue as the skies,
And the other stuff poets have lyred.

I'd sing (if I dared) that your eyes were green
And crossed with a hook-bill nose between
Like the beak of an owl—
But how you would howl!
So I'll not, for I love you, my dainty queen.

I'll sing of the buds in your golden hair,
I'll sing of the smile that you sweetly wear,
Of the blooms in your belt—
Oh, say, but I'd welt
The cad that made fun of you, dear—so there!

RANDALL NEEFUS SAUNDERS.

EDITORIAL CHARITY.

THE man who wrote things with a black pencil for the man with a blue pencil to punch holes in had received back several of his valuable contributions.

"Bah!" he snarled, "that's just the way with those fellows. They always send back the very best things a man writes for them."

Then he spread the things out on the table before him and began pulling his hair and studying them over.

"Then why do you talk so unkindly, Henry?" said his dear little wife.

"Bah! what do you know about it? They are no judges of what to use. They send me back my best things."

"And why does it not make you glad, Henry? Is it not much better so than if they sent you back the worst ones—for how could you ever sell them to any one, Henry? What you now have, dear, is"—— but Henry was in no mood for such specious argument and drove the sweet little woman away.

W. J. LAMPTON.

COULDN'T TOUCH 'EM.

ETHEL—"Did you ever run across a real smart man in your life?"

PENELOPE—"No, indeed; such men jump very quickly when they hear a bicycle-bell."

BITTER RECOLLECTIONS.

CLOGGED CLANCY—"W'ot yer so sad about?"

LANGUID LARRY—"Ah, w'en I see de waves breakin' on de shore it calls up bitter memories uv me misspent past."

CLOGGED CLANCY—"W'en yer used ter take baths?"

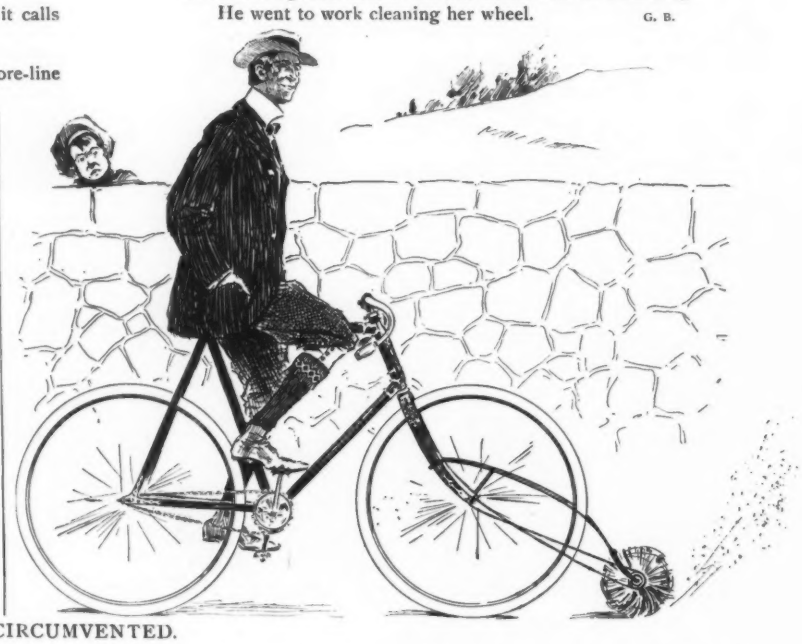
LANGUID LARRY—"Naw; w'en I used ter brake, meself, on de shore-line railroad."

A SURE SIGN.

AWAY on their wheels they went wandering together
For only an afternoon ride,
Far over the hills and through wood-paths and heather,
He keeping up close by her side.
And what was the upshot? I saw them returning;
Upon them I softly did steal.
Dismounting, she smiled, her fair cheek with love burning—
He went to work cleaning her wheel.

G. B.

LITTLE WILLIE (*a tool for a jealous rival*)—"That man Sprockets hain't goin' to see Miss Puncture if I can help it."



SPROCKETS—"I thought that kid wasn't hangin' around here for nothin'."

CIRCUMVENTED.

WHEELS AND THE WOMAN.

THE two bicycles stood side by side.

The '97 model was a beauty. She was geared to fifty-nine and was a peach. The '96 wheel was a high-grade machine with an air of experience born of hill-climbing and encounters with dogs on lonely roads.

The '97 model jingled her bell merrily and said, "I'm in for a good time. My mistress is a very pretty girl, who"——

"That's the worst kind," broke in the '96 wheel. "I never yet saw a pretty girl who knew a single thing about her wheel. I've had enough experience with pretty girls to wish I were a diamond frame." The '96 wheel sighed heavily.

"But what"—— began the '97 model.

"Everything," replied the '96 wheel conclusively. "Now the other day my fair owner took me out and deliberately rode me for twenty miles with one-tenth of her skirt on one side and nine-tenths on the other side, but she never knew the difference."

"Well, perhaps I can persuade my mistress to wear a divided skirt," said the '97 model cheerfully; "and then, you see, I have an alligator tool-bag and"——

"Tool-bag, indeed!" cried the '96 wheel derisively. "Why, so have I, and there has never been anything in it but a powder-rag, a comb, some hair-pins, an extra veil, and some face-lotion. The question is not whether you have a tool-bag, but whether you have curling-irons, a manicure set, and a vinaigrette."

"Good gracious!" gasped the '97 wheel. "I"——

Two young and very pretty women came toward the wheels.

"Isn't my new model a beauty?" said the one in the zouave jacket. "I learned so much about bicycles at the cycle-show. I was perfectly wild about those lovely new crank-hangers; weren't you?"

"Well, I think I preferred the changeable gears and the drop-forgings myself," replied the girl in the new top-coat with a critical air. "Is that an electric lamp, dear? Good gracious! don't you know you're in danger of getting an awful shock from it?"

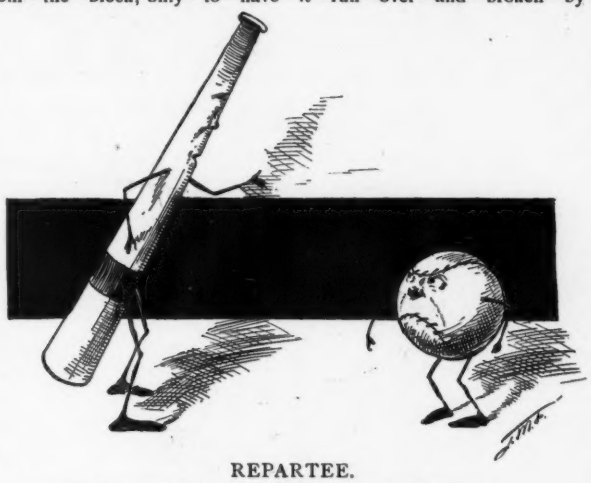
"How dreadful!" replied the other, mounting. "I'll have it taken off."

"I told you so," whispered the '96 wheel to the '97 model as they rolled away.

M. C. F.

AN INGLORIOUS DEATH.

DYING REMARKS OF THE OLD ROOSTER—"To—think, after—thirteen—years—of—stratagem, I've—kept—this—neck—of—mine—from—the—block, only—to—have—it—run—over—and—broken—by—that!"



REPARTEE.

THE BAT—"Say! I'm behind all your hard knocks."

THE BALL—"Well, I don't care a rap. It's only a case of strike-out when you swing for me. Remember, a fly ball isn't easily caught if it *is* 'twisted.'"

A SAD TRUTH.

THERE'S one respect in which all the world is *not* a stage. No matter how well you may play your part in life you'll never be allowed an encore.

A GENIUS.

Mr. Biker's wife made him help her wring the clothes wash-days; but, being an inventive man, he managed to make a pedal connection to the wringer-handle that made the previous arduity an enthusiastic pleasure.

A MATTER OF BELIEF.

ALICE—"Why did she refuse him—because they were of different faiths?"

CLARA—"Yes."

ALICE—"And he refused to change his religion?"

CLARA—"Oh, no; his wheel."

AN ENFORCED RETIREMENT.

GAGGS—"Since his marriage Scorcher, the champion cyclist, has had to take a back seat."

SKAGGS—"How's that?"

GAGGS—"He rides a tandem now."

THE RUSSIAN GROWLER.

"WHAT are you growling for?" said the British lion to the Russian bear as they strolled side by side on a board-walk that was sprung out of shape.

"Because," the bear chuckled, "we are both on the warp-path."

The British lion howled as though his tail had been twisted again.

WHAT HE WANTED.

Applicant—"I called in answer to your advertisement for a companion on your voyage to the north pole. I can steer a ship, drive a dog-team, walk on snow-shoes, compute longitude and latitude"——

Arctic explorer—"Can you work a stereopticon?"

IN THE FUTURE.

No more equestrian statues for our distinguished men.

LORD FFOLIOT'S PHEASANTS.

"LOOK at ma letter that's goin' wi' the hamper, Sandy," said Lord Ffoliot's game-keeper. "Hov I spelt peesants right?"

"Nae, mon," said Sandy; "there's nae p in feesants. Begin them wi' an f."

"But how many f's? His lordship begins his ain name wi' twa."

"Weel," said Sandy thoughtfully, "it depeends on the number of feesants."

So the game-keeper wrote, "In the hamper your lordship will find four ffffeesants from the presarves."

FOOLS OF THE SEASON.

THE girl who wears thin clothes while skies still lower,
The overcoatless men who spring days brave,
Alike forget the unexpected shower—
The open street-car leads but to the grave.

NOT SO VERY SIMPLE.

Miss New Boston—"Mr. Simple, don't you find it difficult to decide whether the cell membranes of protoplasmic particles combine by cohesion or by chemical affinity?"

Mr. Simple—"No, ma'am. If anybody asks me troublesome questions I just say, 'Well, in general I agree with Huxley and those fellows, don't you?' and that shuts 'em up, 'cause they never remember what Huxley does say."

A BICYCLE TRAGEDY.

1. JEALOUS EAVESDROPPING RIVAL (*fiendishly*)—"Oh, you're a-goin' t' Jones's t' learn t' ride better, eh? Thank fortune I'm ridin'-instructor dere."

BLUFFING.

"YOU'RE nothing but a little girl," he said
To pert fourteen, who shook her saucy head
And stamped her foot indignantly. "You dare
To speak to me like that? Proud sir, beware!"

The years rolled on. At last he told his love
To sweet eighteen, but vainly sought to move
Her stubborn heart; for, by coy mischief led,
"You're too tall for a *little* girl," she said.

HELEN CHAUNCEY.

THE POWER OF EXPRESSION.

Jimmy—"Say, father, I want to know"——

Father—"Phwat?"

Jimmy—"I want money to get my wheel fixed."

Mother—"Don't vex yure father, Jimmy. Don't yez see he hov his bicycle face an him this marnin'?"

BAD WALKER, GOOD WHEELER.

PERHAPS you've noticed it of late,
Few women walk as they would like;
But any with ungainly gait
Might change that carriage for a bike.

IRISH AS SHE IS TAUGHT.

Judge Mott (to Officer O'Gilligan)—"If you don't stop those people from shuffling and scuffling I'll clear the court."

Officer O'Gilligan (roars)—"Howld yure tungues, there, b'ys, wid yure fate!"

2. VICTIM—"Y-y-you'll hold on to th' wheel, won't you?"

3. JEALOUS RIVAL (*swish!*)—"You bet!"

AND STILL HE HUNG ON.

1. FARMER RUNNIT—"Here comes one o' them fresh scorchers. Now, Tige, give him a chase."

HEATING THE HAT.

A ROCHESTER undertaker preparatory to directing a swell funeral recently, was smoothing his silk hat with a piece of warm velvet, the operation being curiously watched by a Milesian hanger-on around the establishment. When the job was done the hanger-on broke forth, "Arrah! an' phwat's th' use av hatin' up yure hat at all? It's a long, cowld dhrive ye'll be hovin', an' divil a ha'porth av warmth will remain in it foive minutes frum now an."

2. HOTT STUFF—"By gosh! that blamed dog will catch me, sure."

JUST FINE ENOUGH.

Bertie—"That Miss Bell would be fine if she wasn't quite so carroty."

Algy—"She's only eighteen."

IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

UNCLE HAYRICK—"By gum, Henry! that must be an important question they're a-settlin'."

HENRY—"You bet it is. It's an extra session to see whether the railroads will carry bicycles free or not."

SOURED.

Miss Eden—"Why did they build the walls of this reservoir so high?"

Mr. Musee (manager of a wax-works show)—"Probably to keep people from poking their canes and umbrellas into the water to see if it is real."

SO GOOD!

LITTLE Margie's father was a salesman for a large baking-powder firm, and one night she electrified her mother by praying, "Dear Lord, please make me pure, pure and sure, like baking-powder."

NO POSSIBLE CHANCE.

MR. HUGTIGHT (*with emotion*)—"Nothing shall ever come between us, darling!"

MISS SNUGGLE (*getting still closer*)—"Never, dear!"

HER FATHER (*looking on*)—"Blamed if there's any room."

THOSE UNNECESSARY QUESTIONS.

HE HAD lost control of the wheel, and the wheel left him to his fate. He rose in the air and then pitched upon the dusty road, gathering great quantities of dirt and accumulating aches and bruises. A few moments afterward a sympathizing countryman came along.

"Had a fall, eh?"

"No."

"Ye didn't? Then what's happened?"

"I climbed a tree to look at the scenery. How are the crops, and what are you charging a dozen for Franco-German potatoes?"

3. TIGE—"My marrow-bones! I had my reputation stretched that time."

HOW COULD SHE?

Flasherly—"Such a joke! Kit talked to a wax figure for half an hour, thinking it was Cholly Saphead."

Dasherly—"How on earth did she discover her mistake?"

Flasherly—"Bless you! she didn't."

THE PIONEER.

Teacher—"When do we first hear of the use of oil?"

Tommy Taddells—"Jonah must have used it, ma'am. He went on the first whaling voyage."

HEARD FROM.

WE KNOW "the evil that men do
Lives after them." Example one—
The cornet-player died and left
His blasted cornet to his son.

A WOMAN'S REASON.

Mr. Outertown—"Did you buy that place in Lonelyville?"

Mr. Subbubs—"Nope. My wife knocked that in the head. She found out that the people next door kept more servants than we'd have room for."

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When Gossip takes snuff Friendship sneezes.

The depth of a hurt is the measure of caring.

MYRTLE REED.

SUSPICION.

"I HAVE observed," said Mrs. Simpkins, "that the old men who sit in the front rows are mostly bald-headed. I have also observed that the most of the bishops have bald heads. This shows that extremes of evil or of good affect the hair. And it seems to me that the reason some men keep their hair so well is that they mix their good and their bad in pretty even quantities, and I think I detect the odor of spice."

But Mr. Simpkins was snoring and the observations ended.

ALIKE, BUT DIFFERENT.

Teacher—"Now, boys, can any of you tell me what is a lake?"
Patsy—"Sure, it's a hole in the kittle."

THE BOOMER.

A WONDERFUL man is he,
With more than a prophet's light.
Where others can only see
Mere barrenness and blight
He views futurity
With sapient second sight.

Square miles of wilderness
Become to his subtle eyes
Gardens designed to bless
One who examines—and buys;
One who can properly guess
The path to a paradise.

What are swamps and forests and wolds
Deserts and dreary glooms?
What, visions of cramps and colds,
Rheumatisms and rheums,
To him who blithely beholds
Invisible birds and blooms?

He is not darkly blind;
He fears no Gordian knots.
There is eloquent faith behind
His magical plans and plots.
The waste has grown in his mind
To the glory of city lots.

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A Mecca for homeless men;
And here they shall wield the scorn
Of the purse-proud citizen,
While the unbeliever shall mourn
For the fortune he sniffed at then.

GEORGE EDGAR MONTGOMERY.

WELL PROTECTED.

"Come in out of the wet."
"I don't have to; my name is McIntosh."

THE PRESSMAN'S ERROR.

IN SWINTON'S elementary geography, used in the schools of this state, is a picture of "Cod fishing on the banks of Newfoundland," showing a dory with half a dozen men in oil-skins, hauling the fish into the boat. A small boy, somewhat simple in mind, had a book which was rather poorly printed, and he astonished his teacher, in a western New York school the other day, by walking up and saying,

"Miss S., which one of those men in the rubber coats is God?"

"Why, Charlie!" replied the astonished pedagogue, "what do you mean?"

"There it is," the lad retorted, "God fishing on the banks of Newfoundland. I'd like to know which one is God."

The teacher explained that the trouble arose from the blurring of the word cod, but up to the present the boy has an undefined notion that the teacher fooled him in the explanation and that God did really throw out a line for cod on the grand banks.

POINTING THE WRONG WAY.

"I say, Maria, I think thet 'ere stone the widder Jinks has jist put up is in the wust taste I ever saw. Jedgin' by what I know uv Jinks, thet 'ere hand orter be pintin' jist t' other way."

THE VITAL QUESTION.

WITHIN a darkened room and still
A battered woman slept;
Her friends that gathered from afar
Now softly sighed or wept;
Delirious, her spirit told
Of shock and carnage dire,
Of charge and clatter, dash and smash,
Of din, of death and fire.

Anon bright consciousness returned,
And these first words she spoke
Unto that throng of weeping friends,
"Say, did my wheel get broke?"

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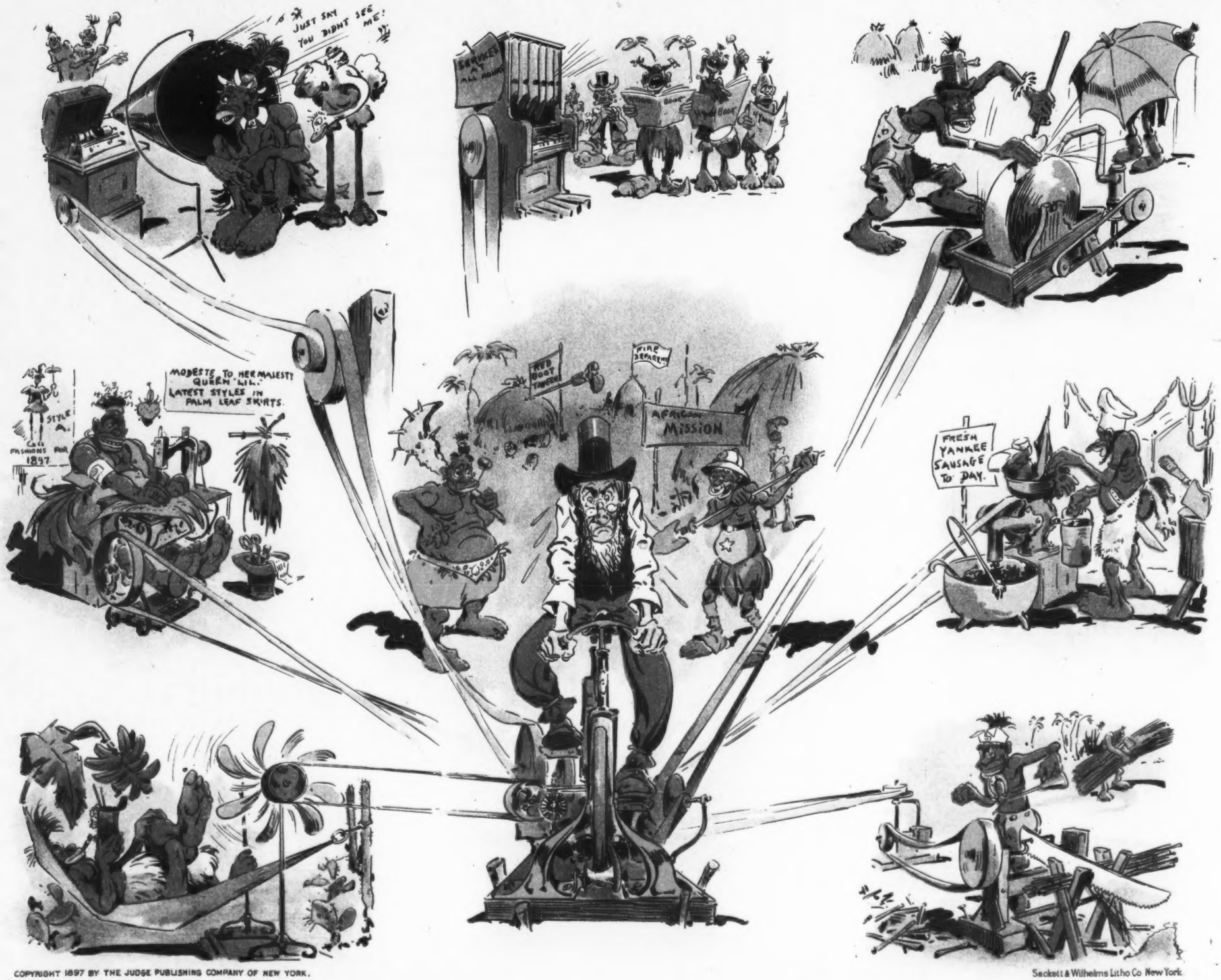

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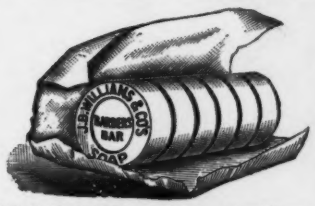

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